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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Marcoccia, et al.**

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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED FILTRATE ADDITION  
IN A CONTINUOUS DIGESTER**

To: Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.115**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to examination of the above-referenced application.

**AMENDMENTS**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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